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Beware of 2014 Diversity Visa Program Scams



The online registration for the 2014 DV Program opened on October 2 and will conclude at 12:00 noon EST (7:00 PM local time) on Saturday, November 3. The program is open to individuals born in Israel, Jerusalem, Jordan, Gaza, West Bank, former Soviet Union countries and many other eligible countries. For more information on eligible countries and application filing instructions, please visit www.travel.state.gov. *Each year, fraudulent visa brokers steal millions of dollars from prospective DV applicants by sending fake e-mails or letters claiming to be from the U.S. Government. In these e-mails, scam artists promise assistance with applications or privileged access to visas in exchange for money. Alternatively, companies using fake websites designed to look like official U.S. government websites offer to complete entry forms in exchange for payment. In order to protect themselves, DV lottery entrants are advised to follow these simple guidelines:*

-The official site to submit applications for the Diversity Visa program lottery is www.dvlottery.state.gov.

-There is **no fee** to enter to the Diversity Visa program. The State Department **will not** notify successful applicants by e-mail or by regular mail. If you receive such an e-mail or letter, you are being scammed.

-Applicants **can only** track their entries with their confirmation number through www.dvlottery.state.gov.

القنصلية الامريكية العامة في القدس تحذر من عمليات الاحتيال مع
بداية باب التسجيل



America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce the following programs
at our location on Nablus Road

My City, My Story

(a photo exhibit featuring eight Palestinian photographers)

The exhibit will be on view until October 18 during regular library hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 - 4:30 PM.

Large groups are encouraged to contact America House to arrange a special visit time.

Please e-mail JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov or call 02-563-4029 for more details on this program.

America House is the American Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center and was established in 2010.

البيت الأمريكي هو المركز الثقافي للقنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس وتأسس عام 2010.

Quick Highlights

On October 10, the Director of the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies, Amb. James Larocco, conducted a roundtable discussion on the future of Syria with Vice Presidents, faculty, and students from Al-Quds University. He was joined by visiting NESA professors Dr. Michael Yaffe and Dr. Gawdat Bahgat. Amb. Larocco presented his views on the crisis in Syria, the potential scenarios as the country moves forward, and the implications for regional stability.



On October 9, a group of 25 ACCESS students and their teacher visited the photography exhibit 'My City, My Story,' at America House. After the students viewed the photos, they spent an hour writing about the exhibit and sharing their thoughts on the photos. In addition to viewing the show, the participants learned more about America House and expressed interest in joining other activities there. The exhibit continues for another two weeks.



50 Access English students convened at American Corner Gaza on September 25 to compete in the first regional spelling competition. Sponsored by the American Corner at Al Azhar University in Gaza, the event was the culmination of weeks of competition in local Access English classes, coordinated by AMIDEAST. Starting with a screening of the American documentary "Spellbound," Access teachers throughout Gaza led their students through a series of eliminations rounds, the winners of which passed through to the finale. After hours of spelling, three young girls took the top places.



From the U.S. Department of State Blog



“We broke new musical ground with two innovative programs, [CenterStage](#) and [OneBeat](#). CenterStage brings performing artists from Haiti, Indonesia and Pakistan to perform in 60 small and mid-sized cities, giving Main Street America a chance to experience international culture without stepping on a plane. Meanwhile, OneBeat brings 32 musicians from 21 countries -- including the United States -- to eight East Coast cities to collaborate and make new music together.

That tradition continues with this year's [American Music Abroad](#), which will send twelve American musical groups to travel abroad to over 40 countries. These musical ambassadors perform and teach younger and underserved audiences in countries with limited access to American arts. The groups represent the full range of our rich musical heritage from hip-hop and bluegrass to country and jazz, to rock and even Hawaiian slack key guitar and hula!

Music diplomacy connects people around the world in a way that official diplomatic channels cannot. Our common interests, values, and passions open the door to individual conversations and broader connections between communities that are otherwise disparate. That's why, for over 60 years, the United States has sent American artists abroad to share their talent.

These programs are not just tours, but true cultural exchanges. They connect Americans to the citizens of dozens of countries and give international artists the chance to engage with communities across the United States. In every case, performers reach audiences onstage as well as offstage by hosting community gatherings, discussions, master classes, and workshops.

When you meet Americans, you meet American values, and what better way to introduce the world to us than through the universal language of music?”

By [Ann Stock](#) serves as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Announcements!

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces Study of the United States Institute on National Security Policymaking Program.

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the **FY 13 Study of the United States Institute on National Security Policymaking**.

This six-week Institute on U.S. National Security is multi-disciplinary in its approach and examines the various historical, geographic, economic, cultural, and political factors involved in the making of U.S. national security policy. The Institute will be held at the University of Delaware beginning in early February and ending in late March 2013. It is fully sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Instruction will be in English.

The institute provides a group of 18 experienced and highly-motivated foreign university faculty and related professionals with a deeper understanding of the foundations and formulation of U.S. national security policy, with specific reference to American views on what constitutes basic U.S. national security and defense requirements and how those views have evolved in the post- Cold War era.

Important Note:

- ☐ Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the U.S.
- ☐ Holders of American passports or green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit a copy of your passport, CV and nomination form by November 8th, 2012.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to marroummv@state.gov ; call 02-622-7172 or (0545) 420 953 for more information

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to Essam Mattar (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.

Application deadline: November 8th, 2012

*Send the nomination form, CV and a copy of the passport no later than **November 8th, 2012** to marroummv@state.gov (for East Jerusalem and West Bank) and Emattar@palnet.com (for Gaza)*

Community Solutions Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the Community Solutions Program for 2013. This will be the third round of the [Community Solutions Program](#), a professional development program for the best and brightest global community leaders working in Transparency & Accountability, Tolerance & Conflict Resolution, Environmental Issues, and Women and Gender Issues. Selected candidates will participate in: a four month U.S. fellowship with a local nonprofit organization or government agency; structured virtual learning and networking via the Online Community Leadership Institute; and, the design and implementation of follow-on projects in their home countries. The program will also include a small outbound component that will allow up to five U.S. host representatives to travel overseas for approximately two weeks on projects related to the program themes.

Please submit your APPLICATION by Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

The application and additional information for the 2013 Community Solutions Program is available online at: <http://www.irex.org/project/community-solutions>.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to Exchanges@state.gov and copy Miral Siriani, Sirianimy@state.gov; call 02-622-7107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to Essam Mattar (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows maintain full-time residence at the [International Forum for Democratic Studies](#), NED's research arm located in Washington, D.C. Dedicated to international exchange, the program offers a collegial environment for fellows to reflect on their experiences and consider lessons learned; conduct research and writing; develop contacts and exchange ideas with counterparts in Washington, D.C.; and build ties that contribute to the development of a global network of democracy advocates.

The Reagan-Fascell program will host two five-month fellowship sessions in 2013–2014: Fall 2013 Session: October 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014
Spring 2014 Session: March 1 to July 31, 2014

For information about the application process, please **read through each of the sections** listed in the **Table of Contents on the right**, paying **particular attention** to the sections under [About Us](#) and [Submitting Your Application](#).

Once you have familiarized yourself with this information, you may proceed to our [Online Application System](#), where you will be asked to register and set up a profile in order to begin your fellowship application.

The Application Deadline for the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, was extended to November 01, 2012

Web Chat on U.S. Presidential Elections



The 2012 U.S. presidential election campaign cycle is at full speed! Join us in a webchat with former Congressmen Larry LaRocco and Scott Klug to share your thoughts, ask questions, and get an insider's perspective on the U.S. elections from two former members of Congress! Click here to participate:

<http://goo.gl/XZdmo>